



SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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SALEM POLICE INVESTIGATE HOMICIDE ARREST MADE

On January 16, 2010 at approximately 3:40am, the Salem Police Department responded to the Glenmary Apartments in the 10th block of Lewis Ave. after receiving a report of an altercation and possible stabbing. Upon arrival, Salem Police found the victim just outside of his apartment suffering from a severe laceration to his neck. He was transported to Roanoke Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The suspect resided in the same apartment building and was the victim's roommate. He was on the scene when police personnel arrived, and after an investigation, the suspect was charged with one count of Homicide. He is being held in the Roanoke County/Salem Jail without bond.

The victim is identified as:

Joshua Louis McCoy, age 25, of the 10th block of Lewis Avenue, Salem.

The accused is identified as:

Samuel Lucas Hale, age 24, also of the 10th block of Lewis Avenue, Salem.

The investigation is continuing, and at this time Salem Police will have no further comment.

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